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RELEVANCE OF REFERENCES

References A1-A7 were identified in an International Search Report in a corresponding PCT application.

Reference A8 discloses the creation of metadata for a video program from closed caption data (see paragraphs 141-151). Reference A8 claims priority from each of references A9-A12. Inspection of references A9-A12 shows that the subject matter of paragraphs 141-151, which involve the creation of program metadata from closed caption data, first appear in reference A11, which was filed on 3 December 2001, significantly after the 16 November 2000 and 26 February 2001 priority dates of the present application. Therefore the subject matter of paragraphs 141-151 of reference A8 is not prior art to the present application.

Applicants respectfully requests that any listed document be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form SB08 be returned in accordance with M.P.E.P. § 609.

Respectfully submitted,

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